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SUBJECT: BRIDGETOWN - POS TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR EAL

REF: BRIDGETOWN 104, BRIDGETOWN 140

1. DEPARTMENT AND CAB HAVE REVIEWED SUGGESTION TO DESIGNATE EAL FOR PORTION OF ROUTE OPERATED BY PAA. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF AN AIRLINE FOR ONLY PART OF ROUTE IS CONTRARY TO ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL AND USG PRACTICE.

2. THERE IS PRECEDENCE FOR DESIGNATING MORE THAN ONE US AIRLINE FOR A ROUTE, EVEN IF ONE OF THE AIRLINES DOES NOT HOLD CAB AUTHORITY TO OPERATE OVER ENTIRE LENGTH OF ROUTE. HOWEVER, IN SUCH CASES AIRLINE IN QUESTION WOULD BE OPERATING FLIGHTS EXCLUSIVELY ON DESIGNATED ROUTE, AND NOT COMBINING SEGMENTS OF ONE ROUTE WITH THOSE OF ANOTHER. SINCE EAL WOULD HAVE TO COMBINE SEGMENTS FROM TWO ROUTES IN ORDER TO HAVE VIABLE OPERATION, WE HAVE ALSO RULED OUT DESIGNATING EAL FOR ENTIRE PAA ROUTE.

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3. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY APPROACH

ARCHER AND INDICATE THAT CAB STAFF WOULD BE WILLING TO RECOMMEND EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF CARIBWEST APPLICATION FOR SECTION 402 PERMIT AMENDMENT IN RETURN FOR GRANT OF EAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS OVER LONGER PERIOD. CARIBWEST HAS

APPLIED FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND ITS CARGO SERVICE TO HOUSTON, SANFORD FLA., BROWNSVILLE TEX., AND TO ADD KINGSTON AS INTERMEDIATE POINT. OFFER SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY AND ON INFORMAL BASIS. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY PROMISES RE FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF CARIBWEST APPLICATION. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE SUGGESTED PER STATE 15409 MAY ALSO BE DELIVERED TO ARCHER AT SAMETIME.

4. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT AIDE MEMOIRE IS A MORE SUITABLE METHOD OF APPROACH THAN NOTE IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO KEEP PRESENT APPROACH INFORMAL. FORMAL BARBADIAN RESPONSE (BY NOTE) WOULD NOT AFFECT INFORMAL NATURE OF OUR INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT INFORMAL BASIS OF OUR REQUEST WOULD TEND TO GIVE US AT LEAST MARGINAL ADVANTAGE IN AVOIDING FOR TIME BEING OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER TOPICS LIABLE TO BE INJECTED IN EAL ISSUE (SUCH AS BAHAMAS TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR BARBADOS), AND WOULD TEND TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE IMPRESSIONS OF HIGHTENED USG INTEREST IN PURSUING OTHER CIVAIR TOPICS WITH GOB AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY FEELS THAT THIS DISTINCTION WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY GOB, AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES NOTE WOULD BE PREFERRED, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL RECONSIDER. KISSINGER

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